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*Samuel Pitcher M.D.*

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Thou, too, sail on, O Ship of State!  
Sail on, O Union, strong and great!  
Humanity with all its fears,  
With all the hopes of future years,  
In hanging breathless on thy fate!  
We know what Master laid thy keel,  
What Workman wrought thy ribs of steel,  
Who made each mast, and sail, and rope,  
What anvils rang, what hammers beat,  
In what a forge and what a heat  
Were shaped the anchors of thy hope!  
Fear not each sudden sound and shock,  
'Tis but the flapping of the sail,  
And not a rent made by the gale!  
In spite of rock and tempest's roar,  
In spite of false lights on the shore,  
Sail on, nor fear to breast the sea!  
Our hearts, our hopes, our prayers, our tears,  
Our faith triumphant o'er our fears,  
Are all with thee,—are all with thee!

### Our Soldier Boys.

CAMP EATON, ISLAND LAKE, MICH.,  
May 11, 1898.

This is mustering week in camp, and the mustering in of troops, physical examinations and routine camp duty are all going on at the same time, while the rumors of war and reports of the probable destination of the various regiments are changing almost hourly; and apparently no one here knows any more of the time of leaving camp or the place to which the troops will be sent than do the folks at home, the only difference being that the men here do not believe any of the reports and have concluded that they will know when the movement has actually begun, while from indications some people outside seem to think they know all about it. But in the meantime the mustering of troops is going on, and those who were in camp Sunday had the privilege of seeing the first (or the thirty-first) regiment of Michigan volunteers mustered into the United States service.

Company A, 1st regiment, of Ann Arbor, was the first company to be mustered in and Sunday morning at breakfast the men were all ordered to keep within regimental lines in order to be ready at any moment for the call to muster. But one of the first lessons to learn here seems to be patience, and the hours dragged a little as the forenoon passed and the crowds began to come in, and still there was no order to fall in for mustering. Finally it was so late that the company assembled in response to the call for dinner instead, and it was about two o'clock before the men were finally lined up and the roll called. Two men were absent, and their places filled by others who were waiting. Another delay, and then another roll call, and then the company marched out to the parade ground between regimental headquarters and the company officers' tents. Here after opening ranks, our commanding officer, Col. Gardner—who will be remembered by Owosso people as the Capt. Gardner who inspected Company G several times—accompanied by mustering officer, Capt. Irvine, of the 11th U. S. Infantry, Capt. Mundy, the U. S. examining surgeon, and Capt. Granger, of the mustering company, passed up and down the line inspecting each man closely. This being finished satisfactorily the roll was again called.

This time the officers stood off at one side and as the company captain called the roll, each man as his name was called answered, "Here," and walked past the officers, to take his position in line again beyond them. When this was ended the mustering officer, Capt. Irvine, read the oath, to support the constitution, obey the President, etc., while the men stood with uncovered heads and uplifted right hands. On being asked if they agreed to this oath, they answered in chorus, "We do," and the dramatic part of the ceremony was over.

The crowd of thousands still remained about the hollow square, however, and curiously watched the men, who now as their names were called walked into the captain's tent and signed the muster roll, which makes them subject to Uncle Sam's orders for two years unless the war is ended before that time; and it is needless to say they all expect it will be. In fact, the greatest fear has been that something would happen to keep them from leaving this place.

Such was the brief but impressive ceremony of mustering in Co. A, 1st Michigan Volunteers, but it was a fair sample of the way in which all the rest either have been or are being treated. In one way, however it was different. Only those who were mustered in Sunday afternoon were watched by so large a crowd; otherwise they are treated the same. The is no band playing or other occurrence to excite or arouse the enthusiasm of the men. Their minds are made up and the ceremonies are short and business-like.

Before mustering, every man is subjected to a quick but usually rigid physical examination. It doubtless happens occasionally that an enlisted man is unjustly thrown out and it also happens both men and officers are occasionally passed who would have been rejected if the examination had been more careful. As to the officers who are believed by their friends to have been thrown out rather for political than for physical reasons, the public will form its own opinion anyway, and in at least one case of interest to THE TIMES readers there is probably ample reason for that opinion.

Company G lost rather heavily from the physical examinations, though not as heavily as a number of other companies. Their examination was given Tuesday. Of the rejected men some of course expected it but the majority were quite as much surprised as were their friends. In nearly every case

too, while the faces of nearly all of the men were long at the thought of losing so many of their comrades who wished to accompany them, the men who had to go home had the longest faces of all. An election will probably be held tonight to choose two new lieutenants to take the places of Lieuts. Heyer and Ross. The policy of promoting the old men which has been carried out heretofore by the company will be continued, and it is expected that Sergts. Lee H. Retan and Wm. Case will be elected 1st and 2d lieutenants respectively.

In general the life of the camp is not subject to much change from day to day. There is plenty of good, wholesome food, well cooked, with almost no fancies such as pies, cakes or puddings, though occasionally one of the latter appears on the tables.

Probably it would surprise many Owosso folks to see how well the boys will sleep and how well they feel mornings. The tents are eight feet square and seven is the average number of men in each. There are board floors in each tent and one end of the tent is given up at night to their straw ticks. Two blankets are then spread on the ticks. These are the "under sheets." The rest of the blankets are spread on top and the men crawl under them. With seven men lying side by side in a tent eight feet wide, it would not take any very extended arithmetical computations to prove that there isn't much room to spare, though Libby prison signals for rolling over have not yet become necessary. But the exercise and the outdoor life seem to bring just the right sort of a tired feeling to insure the soundest of sleep, and the men are up, rested and ready for business, shortly after five o'clock, standard time.

So far Sundays have been the hardest days in camp for several reasons. There are so many visitors there is no chance to sit or rest as usual, and then the stuff that must be eaten to "keep it from spoiling." One poor sufferer who had been trying in vain to get to sleep, was found at midnight after the first Sunday in camp hugging his stomach and expressing the opinion that the contents of one big, well-filled lunch basket were laden with more trouble and disaster in general than any case of beer ever brought into camp. But still they come—and still every one is glad to see them come and is sure to remember them.

Everything is still uncertain, and no one knows whether the 1st, or the 31st regiment will be here Sunday or not, or whether the regiments sent out will be fitted out with modern rifles or not. Another week will doubtless tell.

Co. G will be in the 33d Mich. regiment. Major Roth returned home Wednesday evening on a 48 hours' furlough.

Lee Retan has been chosen as first lieutenant. The promotion was deserved. Hospital Steward Edwards will remain with the boys while in camp—the request to do so coming from G. N. Irish.

Sergt. Case asked for and was granted a second examination and this time passed. He will be made second lieutenant.

Two train loads of Owosso people again visited Camp Eaton at Island Lake Sunday and all spent a pleasant day with Co. G. The Owosso city band accompanied the excursionists and dispensed some fine selections on the train and at the lake.

It is stated by a gentleman who is in position to know that 60 per cent of the men disqualified for service at Camp Eaton are bicycle riders who ride to excess. They are not necessarily scorches, either, but they are men who spend a good share of the time in the saddle.

Adriel A. Crawford passed an excellent physical examination and was mustered into Uncle Sam's army on Sunday as a member of Co. A, 1st Regiment. Burton B. Johnson, also a member of the same company failed on the physical examination—very much to his regret.

"He was only a little bit of a kid," said one of the medical examiners, "and I could see he was stretching himself all he could. Still, he couldn't reach the 5-4 mark and he was going to be rejected. He said to me, 'Doctor, I've been thrown down ever since I was a kid where there was a high qualification. I'm as good as any of 'em on everything else and now I'm going to be thrown again. It's tough doctor, I want to go.' I passed him. You never saw such a look in a fellow's face before. If that lad don't make his mark I've missed my shot."

The following members of Co. G failed to pass the strict physical examination and returned home on Wednesday: Lieuts. Heyer and Ross; sergeant Ed. Case; corporal Frank Hawley; hospital steward, Fred Edwards; privates, Ed. Wright, A. Murner, Wm. Robertson, John Deederly, Louis Seward, Frank Elliott, Will Axford, Chas. Beebe, H. Crippen, W. A. Sparlin, E. Miller, M. Griffith, Chas. Lukerman, Fred Van Dyne, C. E. Rigley Jr., Thos. Crittenden, Floyd Ostrander. Maj. A. M. Home was finally disqualified on the physical examination. Capt. Van Epps and a number of the boys passed excellent examinations.

### Major's Cement.

To stick things up Major's Cement. Beware!!! Take no substitute. 1 yr

### Still at Island Lake.

Our soldier boys are still at Island Lake, and while they stay, Island Lake is the center of attraction. Next Sunday, May 15, the Ann Arbor Ry. Co. will run another excursion to Island Lake, leaving Owosso at 9:05 a. m. standard time. Fare \$1.00. The dress parade Sunday is grand, don't fail to see it. For full particulars see bills.

### Over Morro Castle.

There's a flag afloat today.  
Over Morro castle,  
That hasn't long to stay  
Over Morro castle!  
Keep a lookout for the flash.  
There is going to be a smash,  
Something hot's about to crash  
Into Morro castle.  
There are remnants of the Maine  
Down near Morro castle,  
We will pick a bone with Spain,  
Down by Morro castle!  
When we've ended this affair,  
When the smoke clears from the air,  
You may see Old Glory there,  
Over Morro castle!

—Cleveland Leader.

### Board of Review.

The board of review for Owosso city, consisting of the five supervisors, the mayor and city attorney, will meet at the council rooms next week beginning with Monday and remaining in session until Friday. Sessions will begin at 9 o'clock a. m. It is not only the privilege but the duty of taxpayers to call and examine the roll and see that their assessments are fair and just.

### T. D. Harris About to Enter the Navy.

Thos. D. Harris, for several years past clerk for the drug firm of Will E. Collins & Co., is to join Uncle Sam's navy as a pharmacist. He returned Tuesday from Detroit, where he had been for ten days undergoing the strict physical and mental examination required to secure the position. Both were passed in a very satisfactory manner and Mr. Harris will soon be ordered to join one of our war vessels. Owosso friends are much pleased at Tom's success and extend to him the best of wishes for success in his new position.

The Sunday News-Tribune spoke of Mr. Harris as follows: "The applicant, Thomas Harris, an erect and soldierly looking young fellow, of quiet, business-like demeanor, registered as from Owosso, Mich. He passed his physical examination yesterday with credit, and as he has been a practicing pharmacist for six years, the examining officer believed he would do equally well in the mental examination. An apothecary's pay is \$60 a month and rations."

### Circuit Court.

The May term of the circuit court opened Monday, Judge Stearns F. Smith presiding. The indications are that the term will be an unusually short one, a number of cases having already been put over.

Jurors Emory Warren, of Middlebury, Louis W. Boyd, of Burns, and Joseph Taylor, of Bennington, were excused for business reasons.

Fred Parr, convicted at the November term of indecent exposure, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 or spend 90 days in the county jail. Fine paid.

People vs. Aldridge Whitman, raising sparrow order. Defendant discharged.

People vs. James McCreedie, selling liquor on a holiday. Defendant pleaded guilty; sentence to be pronounced on the 16th.

Chas. M. House vs. Nathaniel J. Clark, continued until next term.

Clarissa Farnham vs. Thos. Dennis and S. A. Brown; continued by consent.

In the case of Martinus Bristol vs. the M. C. Ry., time in which to settle bill of exceptions extended to July 9th.

In the cases of Frank Potter and Daniel Mott vs. the D. G. H. & M. Ry., motions for new trials were denied and time to settle bill of exceptions extended to July 9th.

Catherine Haviland vs. Robert Carter, foreclosure; decree granted.

Michael and Thomas Cronin vs. The Fire Association of Philadelphia; time to settle bill of exceptions extended ten days.

E. Rohrabacher vs. L. E. Woodward; time to settle bill of exceptions extended to the first day of next term.

Harriet H. Barnum vs. Solomon and Oscar Burlingame; time to settle bill of exceptions extended to May 16.

The case of Minnie Ackerman vs. the city of Owosso has been settled and discontinued.

Wm. E. Purcell vs. Geo. Montgomery, Emily Squires vs. James Redmond, Isabel Harris vs. Helen M. Gates, Clinton H. Wilcox vs. John M. Brooks and Frank Brooks continued until the next term.

John E. Carland vs. the Western Union Telegraph Co., judgment for plaintiff of \$105.

John T. Mitchell vs. the city of Owosso, settled and case discontinued.

Frank Herriek vs. M. V. B. Wixom, argued on demurrer; judgment reserved.

The cases of the people vs. John Edgar, Fred Moses and Dennis Flynn were all continued.

Clarence Cook vs. Ida M. Cook, divorce; decree granted.

People vs. Geo. Warriner, non-support; tried, jury disagreeing. Defendant gave bail in the sum of \$50 to appear for trial at next term.

John T. McCurdy vs. The New York Life Insurance Co., judgment for plaintiff of \$120.00.

The jury cases to be tried at this term were finished Thursday and the jury discharged. This is the shortest jury term known in the county for years.

### When Nature

Needs assistance it may be best to render it promptly, but one should remember to use even the most perfect remedies only when needed. The best and most simple and gentle remedy is the Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co.

### Resolution for the Prevention of Disease.

Dr. Ward never fails to present something good when at the meetings of the State Medical Society. The Detroit papers refer in very complimentary terms to the following resolution presented by the Dr. at the meeting last week:

Whereas, tho' men of peace we are,  
Foul crime has forced us into fight.  
And whereas, tho' opposed to war,  
In deeds of daring we delight.  
And whereas, from us it is due  
Right royally our chief to aid,  
In all that's loyal, just and true,  
No matter where our lines are laid.—  
Therefore resolved, right now and here,  
That we a tender freely make,  
Of what in serving we can share,  
For God and our loved country's sake,  
And in her hour of peril we  
Stand ready with her fate to bide.  
And freely, cheerfully agree  
To fill her foes with germs of life.

### Oppose Paving This Year

The protest presented to the council Monday evening by the property owners along the streets on which it has been proposed to lay paving this year, is certainly worthy of careful consideration by the council. A very large percentage of the property owners ask the council not to have the work done this year. The prevailing opinion is that it should be known absolutely that the sewers are all right before any paving is done, and that no work should be undertaken until the sewer repairs have all been made. The signers to the remonstrance were:

Mich. S. M. & Organ Co., Morris Osburn, E. L. Brewer, J. H. Howe, Brewer & Howe, E. O. Dewey, W. S. Beebe, Chas. Jackson, Otto F. Hein, H. E. Oliver, Wm. Douglass, H. W. Mann, A. Lee Williams, D. R. Salisbury, William Fletcher, M. Keyte, A. J. Patterson, G. L. Dimmick, Clara C. Strable, Louisa A. Gould, W. A. Woodward, Elizabeth F. Gulie, H. B. Gates, Geo. Thomas, Alex. Johnson, H. W. Martin, H. B. Sturtevant, L. Struber & Sons, N. A. Goodyear, J. L. Hutchins, Mrs. B. Brewer, Jas. A. Beebe, Louisa Merrell, M. Mieson, M. D. Grow, W. A. Richardson, Louisa J. Taylor, Lyon & Pond, F. H. Gould, Harriet N. Williams, May C. Dewey, Rollin Pond, F. G. Oatman, H. C. McGuiness, Alf. G. Williams, Geo. W. Loring, C. S. Williams, M. L. Parker, Mrs. C. A. Baunister, M. L. Stewart & Co., D. Burhans, H. R. Tooley, Hugo Wesener, Frank L. Comstock, Mrs. J. H. Champion, J. H. Goetzner for I. O. O. F. No. 88, Clara E. Phelps, C. M. McGuiness.

### The Jingo Rest.

In the hush following a great battle, together with the fervent and universal feeling among our people of congratulation and gratitude over an unparalleled naval victory, the jingos have been silent, and consequently overlooked.

Tho' the Cuban supplies must have been cut off, as every one except the jingos knew they would be as soon as hostilities began, we hear nothing about suffering Cuba. Our interest at present writing is concentrated upon the naval arm of our forces, while the insurgents who the jingos wanted to recognize as a *de facto* government, are so scolding and seldom that it is almost impossible to get a messenger to or from them, who carries nothing heavier than information even. And these are the men who, with trifling aid, were competent to clean out the cut-throat Spaniards, and go to keeping house on their own account.

There is an anxious feeling in the air that our government has sprung a trap on Cuba and caught nothing; or are like a chap who rushed into a Hibernian's house to quell a family riot and was turned upon by the whole family and pitched out into the gutter. Looks that way now, when the insurgents don't even step down to the waters edge and shake hands with their deliverers, who surely must be hovering around there like mosquitoes at a summer health resort. Where's William Alden Smith and his little umbrella? And why don't he rush down there pell mell, and scare the starving soldiers away again?

Of course nobody has thought of it, but what we want to know is news from Dewey and Sampson, and if it will only come laden with joy we are liable to forget all about "the innocent cause of the war," and simply transfer our interests and aims across the ocean. And in fact that would be the proper caper, and let Cuba lie there and rot, as she always does through the rainy season, which will begin shortly and last four months, during which time no white man can live there. The President has postponed sending troops there for another week, and he better extend the furlough four months. However, he might induce those jingo congressmen to enlist and go there—it will be a great relief. Not the least of which would be to dam the steady stream of private pension bills they are rushing through daily, in order to ensure their return to congress, as they impoverish the treasury.

But nevertheless what we are hoping and praying for now, is that Sampson won't find his Deilah over east on the briny deep, but that he will do as well as Dewey—only that and nothing more.

Laingsburg, May 10, '98.

WARD.

For Sale—Residence 325 West Main St., good house, well, cistern, etc., good barn, and over a lot and a half of land at a bargain. Enquire of A. D. Whipple, city, or E. V. Smith, Del Rosa, Cal.